

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Redfield, on February 16, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)  
Rep. John Fleming (D)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. James O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary  
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 345, HB 338 & HB 419 2/1/2017  
Executive Action: HB 272 & HB 325

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 325**

00:01:44     **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **HB 325 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:02:11     Jason Mohr, Legislative Service Division (LSD)

00:03:55     **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **HB 325 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(agh34a01)

**Discussion:**

00:04:08     Chair Redfield  
00:04:52     Rep. Olsen  
00:05:07     Chair Redfield  
00:05:13     Rep. Olsen  
00:05:35     Chair Redfield  
00:06:08     Rep. Funk  
00:06:16     Chair Redfield  
00:06:23     Rep. McKamey  
00:06:49     chair Redfield  
00:07:05     Rep. Hamilton  
00:07:37     Chair Redfield  
00:08:01     Rep. Harris  
00:08:20     Rep. Funk  
00:08:43     Chair Redfield  
00:09:01     Rep. Funk  
00:09:18     Rep. Olsen  
00:11:30     Rep. Perry joins the meeting  
00:11:58     Chair Redfield  
00:12:15     Rep. Sales  
00:13:34     Rep. Harris  
00:14:53     Rep. Beard  
00:15:37     Chair Redfield  
00:15:44     Rep. Bachmeier joins meeting

00:16:02     **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **HB 325 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 17-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Olsen, Rep. W. Sales and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Anderson voted by proxy.

00:17:31     **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **HB 325 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(agh34a02)

**Discussion:**

00:17:41     Rep. Curdy  
00:19:49     Rep. Mortensen  
00:20:12     Rep. Bennett  
00:21:19     Rep. Windy Boy  
00:22:06     Rep. McKamey  
00:23:17     Rep. Fleming

00:24:00 Rep. Olsen  
00:24:34 Rep. Sales  
00:25:31 Rep. Olsen  
00:26:05 Chair Redfield  
00:26:12 Rep. Harris  
00:27:49 Rep. Hamilton  
00:29:19 Rep. Web  
00:30:20 Rep. Beard  
00:31:28 Rep. Ricci

00:31:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Funk, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. McKamey, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Perry, Rep. W. Sales and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Anderson voted by proxy.

### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 272**

00:33:25 **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **HB 272 DO PASS.**

#### **Discussion:**

00:33:42 Chair Redfield

00:33:57 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 272 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT**(agh34a03)

#### **Discussion:**

00:34:09 Rep. Ricci  
00:34:54 Rep. Harris  
00:36:54 Rep. Sales  
00:37:10 Rep. Ricci  
00:37:22 Rep. Pierson  
00:37:50 Krista Lee-Evens, Montana Milk Producers

00:38:13 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-16 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Lenz, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. O'Hara, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Staffanson and Rep. P. Webb voting aye. Rep. Anderson voted by proxy.

00:39:21 Rep. Curdy

00:40:28 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Pierson moved that **HB 272 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 22-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Anderson voted by proxy.

00:42:04 Recess

00:45:30 Reconvene

**HEARING ON HB 338**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:46:20 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 338, Revise livestock transportation permit laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:47:13 Rep. Wylie Galt, Self

00:48:40 Rep. Anderson joins the meeting

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:51:11 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:53:06 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)

00:55:01 Matt Garveley, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:56:08 Leslie Doely, Department of Livestock (DOL)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:56:30 Rep. Harris

00:57:22 Rep. Galt

00:58:32 Rep. Harris

00:59:30 Mike Honeycutt, Department of Livestock (DOL)

00:59:40 Rep. Harris

00:59:56 Mike Honeycutt, DOL

01:00:48 Leslie Doely, DOL

01:01:00 Rep. Harris

01:01:47 Leslie Doely, DOL

01:02:53 Rep. Harris

01:03:33 Leslie Doely, DOL

01:04:13 Rep. Harris

01:04:34 Leslie Doely, DOL

01:05:17 Rep. McKamey

01:05:30 Chair Redfield

01:05:40 Leslie Doely, DOL

01:05:57 Chair Redfield

01:06:02 Leslie Doely, DOL

01:06:15 Chair Redfield

01:06:29 Rep. Galt

01:07:29 Rep. Staffanson

01:07:54 Leslie Doely, DOL

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:08:16 Rep. C. Knudsen

**HEARING ON HB 345****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:08:47 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 345, Exclude certain bees from per capita livestock fee.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:10:04 Cavin Steiger, Alfalfa Seed Growing Board

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

01:13:11 Cort Jensen, Montana Department of Agriculture (DOA)

01:14:41 Mike Honeycutt, Department of Livestock (DOL)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:15:08 Rep. Olsen

01:15:36 Mike Honeycutt, DOL

01:17:11 Rep. Sales

01:17:38 Cavin Steiger, Alfalfa Seed Growing board

01:18:13 Rep. Sales

01:18:30 Rep. McKamey

01:18:59 Cort Jensen, DOA

01:19:28 Cavin Steiger, Alfalfa Seed Growing Board

01:19:54 Rep. Jensen, DOA

01:20:22 Chair Redfield

01:20:41 Cort Jensen

01:21:27 Rep. O'Hara

01:21:38 Cort Jensen, DOA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:22:07 Rep. Custer

01:22:34 Recess

01:28:40 Reconvene

**HEARING ON HB 419****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:29:18 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 419, Revise requirements for sale or transfer of wild bison.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:33:23 Rep. Windy Boy, Self

01:35:30 Rep. Smith, Self

01:36:02 Majel Russell, Fort Peck Tribes

01:43:40 Carlson, Inter Tribe Buffalo Council

01:49:08 Robert Magnan, Fish and wildlife department

**EXHIBIT(agh34a04)**

01:51:00 Thomas Christian  
 01:54:24 Rep. Peppers  
 01:55:13 Don Woerner, Fort Peck Tribes  
 01:57:16 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy, Self  
 02:01:49 Dennis Jorgensen, World Wild Life Fund  
 02:03:51 Steve Woodruff, National Wildlife Federation

[EXHIBIT\(agh34a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh34a06\)](#)

02:05:18 Jordan Thomson, Self  
 02:05:36 Rick Lamplugh, Bear Creek Council  
 02:06:00 Shana Drimal, Greater Yellowstone Coalition

[EXHIBIT\(agh34a07\)](#)

02:06:37 Steve Forrest, Defenders of Wildlife  
 02:07:02 Frank Smith, Self

[EXHIBIT\(agh34a08\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:07:39 Jay Bonder, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA) & Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)  
 02:12:50 Nicole Rolf, Montan Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)  
 02:16:25 Matt Graveley, Stock Growers Association (MSGA)  
 02:17:39 Levi Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)  
 02:19:17 Shelby DeMars, United Property Owners of Montana

**Informational Testimony:**

02:19:51 Marty Zaluski, State Vet  
 02:20:16 Ken McDonald, Fish Wild Life and Parks (FWLP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:20:36 Rep. Bachmeier  
 02:21:01 Marty Zaluski, State Vet  
 02:21:39 Rep. Bachmeier  
 02:22:02 Marty Zaluski, State Vet  
 02:22:31 Rep. Pierson  
 02:23:12 Majel Russell, Fort Peck Tribes  
 02:23:42 Rep. pierson  
 02:24:03 Majel Russell, Fort Peck Tribes  
 02:25:21 Rep. Hamilton  
 02:25:47 Rep. Windy Boy  
 02:32:53 Rep. Webb  
 02:33:51 Rep. Curdy  
 02:34:09 Rep. Olsen  
 02:35:12 Mike Honeycutt, DOL  
 02:37:34 Rep. Olsen  
 02:38:19 Mike Honeycutt, DOL  
 02:38:25 Rep. Funk leaves meeting  
 02:41:48 Rep. Olsen  
 02:42:15 Mike Honeycutt, DOL

02:43:52 Chair Redfield  
02:44:14 Marty Zaluski, State Vet  
02:45:12 Chair Redfield  
02:45:31 Marty Zaluski, State Vet  
02:46:55 Rep. Sales  
02:47:08 Marty Zaluski, State Vet  
02:47:30 Rep. Anderson  
02:47:46 Marty Zaluski, State Vet  
02:48:28 Rep. Windy Boy  
02:48:52 Marty Zaluski, State Vet  
02:49:19 Rep. Windy Boy  
02:49:40 Chair Redfield  
02:49:53 Rep. Pierson  
02:50:14 Chair Redfield  
02:51:36 Majel Russell, Fort Peck Tribes  
02:53:00 Chair Redfield  
02:53:31 Majel Russell, Fort Peck Tribes  
02:54:26 Chair Redfield  
02:54:34 Robert Magnem, Fort Peck Tribes  
02:55:21 Rep. Pierson  
02:55:53 Robert Magnem, Fort Peck Tribes  
02:55:58 Rep. Pierson  
02:56:20 Robert Magnem, Fort Peck Tribes  
02:56:38 Rep. Harris  
02:56:54 Robert Magnem, Fort Peck Tribes  
02:57:43 Rep. Harris  
02:57:59 Robert Magnem, Fort Peck Tribes

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:58:23 Rep. Curdy  
  
03:04:50 Chair Redfield

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 03:05:20

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Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([agh34aad.pdf](#))